

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ ~~I do not wish to be on the project mailing list~~ ^{Already Am}

Which meeting did you attend? Galesville

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: use of eminent domain

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-073-001

The issue of conservation practices to reduce domestic energy use should be aggressively pursued before any new lines are built. Many people do not even understand this issue and would gladly change things to conserve - such as: every hot water heater sold should come with solar panels - there should be no appliances for sale that are not energy efficient. How about incentives to purchase these?

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

I-073-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-073-007

we have a 35-yr. organic dairy farm -
we cannot have cows grazing under power lines
with EMFs, nor can we have spraying of
chemicals on our land.

I-073-006

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-073-002

the wildlife refuge is paramount - however I
do not think residents of rural areas that are
conserving power should be subjected to the
dangers, loss of property values and price tags
of huge lines designed to serve large population
centers.

I-073-003

The clearing of large expanses for lines destroys
habitat for animals; can cause damaging
runoff.

I-073-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-073-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-073-004

I have grave reservations about the true need for this project. I think we need to look more closely at the effects conservation could have on demand. I would also like to see studies of the feasibility of putting solar & small wind turbines on city rooftops to ease peak demand. This is a far more sustainable method than running power lines all over.

I-073-005

I cannot imagine what is going to happen to electricity rates to pay for this project. It is totally unfair to burden those who have already cut their energy usage with these expenses.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-073-004

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I-073-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-073-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-073-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.